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IMAGERY INFORMATION REPORT

UNIDENTIFIED PRESSURE HULL SECTIONS AT SEVERODVINSK SHIPYARD 402, USSR (S)

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(TSR) On		ne and possibly three submarine	
		k behind construction hall 3 at	
		ection was clearly visible, turned	
	ed framework on top. This hul	l section, in diameter	
	first observed on	however, image	25
quality precluded its posit	ive identification. While mens	uration accuracy (plus or minus	
does not preclud	e the possibility that this hull	section may be intended for a D-	25
III-class nuclear-powered fl	eet ballistic missile submarine	e (SSBN) hull, its location under	
the lattice framework betw	een construction hall 3 and fal	prication building 2 suggests that	
it is intended for the large S	SSBN believed to be under con	struction in hall 3.	
		haped cover which had a rectan-	
gular shed in its center (Fig	gure 1). The octagon-shaped co	ver was in width and	
had a height of		ng platform rails. Although the	
	known the size and height	of this cover above the staging	
platform suggest that it m	ay be used to cover a pressure	of this cover above the staging	1
meter-diameter by	long pressure hull section see		25 25
		be intended for the large SSBN	
	3. The identification of this	cover in the staging area further	
substantiates this belief.	o. The identification of this (cover in the staging area further	
		the shadows of fabrication build-	
ing 1. This cover had a leng			25
staging platform and is pos	sibly being used to conceal a su	ubmarine pressure hull section.	
(S) Comments and quaries	regarding this report are welcome. Th	and many har dimented to	7 0.
Soviet Strategic Forces Division,	Imagery Exploitation Group, NPIC,	ley may be directed to	」 25 25
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